

**Foreign trade with non-EU countries:
preliminary estimates**

August 2014

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in August 2014. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in August 2014 will be disseminated on coming 16 October.

In August 2014, exports to non-EU countries decreased by 4.1% and imports decreased by 14.1% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 1,727 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 566 million euro surplus in the same month of 2013.

In August 2014, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 0.9% and imports decreased by 3.6% compared with July 2014. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data showed a 1.0% decrease in outgoing flows and a 0.2% decrease in incoming flows in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-August 2014 exports to non-EU countries decreased by 2.1% and imports decreased by 5.8% compared with the same period of 2013. The trade balance registered a surplus of 14,722 million euro compared to the surplus of 10,983 million euro in the same period of 2013. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 42,002 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 45,359 million euro surplus in January-August 2013.

Table 1 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries – August 2014

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Aug. 2014	Jan.-Aug. 14	Aug. 14 Aug. 13	Jan.-Aug. 14 Jan.-Aug. 13	Aug. 2014	Aug. 14 Jul. 14	Jun.-Aug. 14 Mar.-May 14
Exports	11,949	116,935	-4.1	-2.1	14,833	0.9	-1.0
Imports	10,223	102,213	-14.1	-5.8	12,253	-3.6	-0.2
Trade balance	1,727	14,722			2,580		

Table 2 - Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries - August 2014

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS (b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Aug. 14 Aug. 13	Jan.-Aug. 14 Jan.-Aug. 13		Aug. 14 Aug. 13	Jan.-Aug. 14 Jan.-Aug. 13	Aug. 2014	Jan.-Aug. 14
European non-EU countries	13.0	-8.6	-9.0	12.1	-19.3	-6.1	672	3,759
<i>Russian Fed,</i>	2.8	-16.3	-9.4	5.6	-21.9	-16.0	-528	-4,787
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.2	-3.4	-11.0	2.9	-20.3	-2.2	578	5,485
<i>Turkey</i>	2.6	8.6	-5.8	1.5	-8.2	0.9	407	2,521
North Africa	3.8	-20.2	-4.1	5.3	-14.6	-37.2	-216	73
Other African countries	1.5	4.1	-1.1	2.1	23.7	13.8	-172	-1,652
North America	7.7	2.5	7.9	3.7	0.7	15.2	1,275	11,401
<i>United States</i>	6.9	4.5	9.0	3.2	-4.4	6.4	1,194	11,085
Central and South America	3.7	-16.8	-8.5	2.5	8.8	5.7	324	2,498
Middle Eastern countries	5.1	15.2	-4.7	5.6	-42.3	-13.7	111	1,245
Other Asian countries	9.6	-2.7	5.0	12.8	-4.0	1.4	-719	-6,014
<i>China</i>	2.5	-8.5	6.1	6.4	2.3	4.7	-1,166	-9,419
<i>Japan</i>	1.5	-14.7	-10.5	0.7	21.4	4.2	181	1,878
<i>India</i>	0.8	14.3	-1.9	1.1	-8.6	0.8	-42	-690
Oceania and other territories	1.9	-6.1	-7.3	0.5	-6.3	-4.1	451	3,413
OPEC	6.0	2.6	-6.9	8.1	-32.0	-33.2	-245	380
MERCOSUR	1.8	-26.4	-9.7	1.3	7.2	-2.8	81	1,296
DAE	3.6	-2.0	10.6	1.7	0.9	1.6	663	5,876
ASEAN	1.7	4.3	7.6	1.8	7.9	3.2	-43	15
Total	46.3	-4.1	-2.1	44.7	-14.1	-5.8	1,727	14,722

(a) Calculated on 2013 total foreign trade.

Table 3 - Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings – August 2014

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of Euro	
		Aug. 14 Aug. 13	Jan.-Aug. 14 Jan.-Aug. 13		Aug. 14 Aug. 13	Jan.-Aug. 14 Jan.-Aug. 13	Aug. 2014	Jan.-Aug. 14
Consumer goods	13.6	-6.5	0.1	10.2	1.3	3.7	729	8,750
- <i>consumer durables</i>	3.1	-5.8	-1.0	1.2	-4.0	5.0	510	4,942
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	10.4	-6.7	0.4	9.1	1.9	3.6	219	3,808
Capital goods	17.2	-4.1	0.8	6.1	-36.6	-1.4	3,269	30,254
Intermediate goods	12.5	-4.0	-6.0	11.2	0.7	4.0	647	2,998
Energy	3.0	5.4	-12.7	17.2	-21.3	-19.2	-2,918	-27,280
Total (except energy)	43.3	-4.9	-1.4	27.5	-9.0	2.7	4,644	42,002
TOTAL	46.3	-4.1	-2.1	44.7	-14.1	-5.8	1,727	14,722

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For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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